New Machine for Oil Extraction Industry

†4425. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL :

SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN' :

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a new machine has been evolved by the Mechanical Engineering Research and Development Research, Ludhiana on the basis of new technique due to which the loss being made in the present oil extraction process has been minimized;

(b) if so, Government's assessment in this regard ; and

(c) the estimated percentage of additional profit likely to be achieved by oilseed extraction industry, by using this new machine ?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) Yes Sir, the Mechanical Engineering Research and Development Organization(MERADO), Ludhiana, a centre of Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institute(CMERI), Durgapur which is a constituent institute of CSIR, have developed an efficient oil expeller which minimizes the residual oil left in the oil cakes.

(b) and (c) Demonstration units of the MERADO oil expeller have been installed with the State Oil Federations in the state of Punjab, Haryana and Madhya Pradesh. The knowhow for the manufacture of the oil expeller has been licensed to units in Punjab, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh. The MERADO oil expeller leaves around 1% less oil in the residue as compared to the conventional expellers used by the oilseed extraction industry.

National Innovation Policy in Science and Technology

4426. SHRI C. O. POULOSE : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering for a National Innovation Policy, dealing with issues such as micro credit and linkages between informal and formal sector of Science and Technology;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT) : (a) No. sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) Ministry of Science and Technology has two major programmes, namely, Technopreneur Promotion Programme (TePP) and National Innovation Foundation for helping individual and grassroots innovators in consolidating their inventions and also extend help to their possible conversion into commercialisable technologies.

Reforms by Sports Federations

4427.SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH : will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Sports Minister has taken a firm stand on accountability in sports and asked the national federations to fix responsibilities and set penalties;

(b) if so, whether the Minister has started discussing such issues with various sports persons;

(c) what are the reforms that the Minister has proposed to be undertaken by the sports federations; and

(d) to what extent the sports federations have agreed to the suggestions made by the Union Minister ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKIRISHNAN) : (a) to (d) The Government provides financial assistance to recognized NSFs as per the provisions contained in the "Guidelines for Assistance to National Sports Federations(NSF)". To be eligible for assistance, the NSFs are required to follow proper democratic and healthy management practices which provide for greater accountability and transparency at all levels, have proper accounting procedures at all levels and produce annual financial statements. Moreover, NSFs are also required to submit audited statements of accounts related to the event for which financial assistance is provided along-with performance report.

For considering the proposals for recognition, there are some laid down criteria such as the current legal status of the organization, recognition by